

Double Milestone: VanEck Space and Rare Earths ETFs Reach US\$1 Billion

- Both ETFs recorded strong inflows over the past year¹
- The milestones underscores VanEck's ability to identify long-term investment themes
- Key risks include equity market risk, foreign currency risk, risk of loss up to and including total loss of capital

London, UK - 16 March 2026 – VanEck continues its strong growth in the European market as both the [VanEck Space Innovators UCITS ETF](#) and the [VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF](#) have reached US\$1 billion in assets under management (AUM).

With the *VanEck Space Innovators UCITS ETF*, investors gain exposure to some of the largest and most liquid companies in the global space industry. The *VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF* invests in global companies that mine and process rare earth metals, or so-called 'strategic metals'.

"We have seen very strong inflows into both ETFs, particularly over the past year, which reflect growing investor demand," said Martijn Rozemuller, CEO of VanEck Europe. "The themes of space and rare earths are recipients of significant media attention and as a result, are increasingly top of mind, and of interest to investors."

The growing investor interest in these themes has also benefited the share prices of the respective companies in both sectors, and consequently the two ETFs. In 2025, VanEck's Rare Earth ETF rose by 89.63 percent², and the Space ETF achieved a total return of 95.97 percent³ over the same period. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

¹ VanEck Internal Data, 1 March 2026

² <https://www.vaneck.com/uk/en/anlagen/rare-earth-etf/performance/>

³ <https://www.vaneck.com/uk/en/anlagen/space-etf/performance/>

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Historical Performance (As of 4 March 2026)⁴

ETF	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
VanEck Space Innovators UCITS ETF	-	-	11,66 %	42,26 %	95,97 %
VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF	-	30,56 %	19,53 %	-35,12 %	89,63 %

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“This shows us that with these two products we have once again identified themes at an early stage that are suitable as long-term investment opportunities,” added Rozemuller. However, investors should bear in mind that past performance is no guarantee of future gains.

Focused Selection Based on a Pure-Play Approach

The *VanEck Space Innovators UCITS ETF*, launched in June 2022, provides investors with exposure to a global selection of the largest companies shaping the emerging era of the space industry, operating in areas such as satellite equipment, communications, research, and space tourism. The underlying MVIS Global Space Industry ESG Index follows a pure-play approach and includes only companies that have the potential to generate at least 50% of their revenues from space-related businesses. The ETF aims to replicate the performance of the MVIS Global Space Industry ESG Index as closely as possible, with a total expense ratio (TER) of 0.55% per annum.

The *VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF* was launched in September 2021 and invests in a global selection of companies that generate at least 50% of revenue from rare earths and strategic metals. This provides investors with diversified access to companies whose products play a key role in their technological and ecological development. The ETF tracks the MVIS Global Rare Earth/Strategic Metals Index and has a TER of 0.59%.

Equity Market Risk: The securities held by the funds are subject to the risks associated with investing in the capital markets, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable price declines. An investment in the funds may result in losses.

⁴ Source: <https://www.vaneck.com/uk/en/anlagen/rare-earth-etf/performance/>
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